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SUBJ: CHINESE REPRESENTATION IN IMF/IBRD

REF: STATE 224574, MANILA 13989

1. DURING DISCUSSION WITH CHARGE ON OCTOBER 1 WHILE WAITING FOR SIGNING CEREMONY OF RP/US DOUBLE TAXATION TREATY, SECRETARY OF FINANCE VIRATA NOTED EVIDENCE THAT PRC IS SERIOUS ABOUT CHALLENGE TO ROC RIGHT TO REPRESENT CHINA IN IMF AND IBRD. HE THOUGHT IT SIGNIFICANT THAT PRC HAS STARTED ITS CAMPAIGN IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETINGS, RATHER THAN RAISING IT AT THE MEETING, AS IN NAIROBI, WHEN IT WAS TOO LATE TO TAKE ANY ACTION.

2. VIRATA ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE PRC STATEMENT SEEMS TO RAISE THE PROSPECT OF GENUINE PROBLEMS WITH REGARD TO THE GOLD DISPOSAL PROGRAM, IF IN FACT THE PRC SERIOUSLY CONTEMPLATES LODGING A CLAIM AGAINST THE IMF FOR ILLEGALLY DISPOSING OF CHINA'S QUOTA. HE IMPLIED THAT THIS IS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRY BENEFICIARIES OF THE GOLD PROGRAM.

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3. VIRATA ID NOT RPT NOT INDICATE THAT HE HAS ANY SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON PLANS TO RAISE THE ISSUE DURING THE MEETINGS, AND IN FACT WONDERED ALOUD WHAT COUNTRY MIGHT MAKE THE CHALLENGE.

4. ACTING SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS COLLANTES SEPARATELY PASSED ALONG TO CHARGE THE VIEW THAT PRC LETTER TO WITTEVEEN SIGNIFICANTLY EXCEEDS PREVIOUS PRC POSTURE "FOR THE RECORD" AND PROBABLY PRESAGES A PRC INSPIRED EFFORT TO UNSEAT ROC. COLLANTES ADDED THAT PRC PRESUMABLY WILL HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN FINDING MEMBER STATES WILLING TO CARRY THE FIGHT AGAINST ROC. STULL

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